



**Editor  
MIDWEST BREEZES**

On June 26th G.C.S.A.A. President George Cleaver CGCS attended the Western Golf Association's 1978 golf tournament at Butler National Golf Club. George presented an award to Ed. Fischer, Supt. for his excellent work at Butler National. George was assisted by G.C.S.A.A. director Mike Bavier CGCS. Prior to the presentation George and Mike visited several golf courses in the Chicago area. Reports are they found them in excellent condition.

This editor visited the Butler National G.C. on June 26th during the Pro-Am golf tournament. The course was in championship condition. There may have been a few Bluegrass crybaby players among the losers, but then there are always a few in every event. Ed Fisher can be proud of the accomplishments he has made during the past four years.

The Midwest Breezes may die on the vine unless you are willing to support it. The one thing that will keep the breezes blowing is for you to send in news that can be used. Surely there are some things that have taken place at your club or at home that others would like to know. Don't say, "I do not have time". This editor wrote the breezes for many years for our national publication at the time it was published in St. Charles, Ill. It is up to you to help keep the breezes!

**Adolph Bertucci** celebrated his 60th birthday on June 3 with a garden party at the Bertucci estate in Lake Forest. His charming and lovely wife, Mary, was a perfect hostess and any one knowing Adolph can imagine what a host he was. 600 friends signed the register. As is the case at all of Adolph's parties, the food and refreshments were superb. Everyone had a wonderful time and at least one guest was heard to remark, "Say, why don't we make this an annual affair". Many congratulations, Adolph, and may we see you on many more birthdays.

Emil Eiser, long time Superintendent at Shore Acres Country Club in Lake Bluff, recently retired. A number of Superintendents, both active and retired, were invited to attend a testimonial dinner given Emil by the

members of his staff at the clubhouse on June 26. Among the momentos presented to Emil were plugs from each of the greens, a spoonful of sand from each trap on the course, an antique ball washer, the flag stick and flag from the 18th hole, a set of tee markers, luggage for Emil and his wife, and, as Emil was made an Honorary member of the club, a dozen golf balls to be lost in the ravines. Our best wishes, Emil, and the best of health in your retirement.

**Dick Richardson**, Supt. at Sycamore C.C. celebrated his 25th Wedding Anniversary on Friday, July 14th. Congratulations, Mr. & Mrs. Richardson.

**Don Hoffman**, super at Oak Hills C.C. Village will be married to **Sue McCormack** on August 5th, 1978. Congratulations and the best wishes from all of us.

**Bruce Burchfield**, Supt. at Hillcrest C.C. was in the hospital for further tests the week of July 4th. However, he is now at home and feeling fine.

We are all happy to see **Carl Hopphan** back in the saddle and looking just great and very stream-lined. Keep it this way, Carl.

August 21st, 1978 the Midwest Association and the Illinois Turfgrass Foundation will hold their annual golf day at Indian Lakes C.C., Bloomingdale, Ill. The purpose of this field day is to raise funds for turfgrass research. Let us have a good attendance and help support this very worthy project.

Our annual golf tournament will be held on September 12th at McHenry C.C. Keep this date open!

M.A.G.C.S. October meeting will be held in conjunction with the Wisconsin Superintendents at Plum Tree National G.C.

The M.A.G.C.S. Annual Clinic will be held at Medinah C.C. on November 29-30, 1978.

#### **ROTARY MOWERS AND SAFETY**

Now that summer is upon us and school is finally out, we should have our full complement of High School and College students on board.

When you assign your employees, usually the newest and least experienced employee is sent out the shop door with a trim mower to mow around trees and the lake. This employee is, however, entrusted with probably the most dangerous piece of equipment in our inventory.

Before you send this employee out with the mower whose blade travels 200 mph, make sure he knows all proper safety and operational procedures. These procedures include how to fill it with gas, where and how to wash it, how to disconnect the spark plug wire when working with the blade, how to fill it with oil, to turn mower off when cleaning discharge chute, to wear shoes with skid-proof soles (safety shoes are better), not to mow over debris, and to mow slopes in a criss-cross pattern.

Just a few extra minutes of instruction and on the site training could prevent a serious injury and costly insurance claims against your club.

Now available from The Pennsylvania Turfgrass Council: **A Turf Manager's Guide -- Microscopic Identification of Common Turfgrass Pathogens** by Patricia O'Connor Sanders, Research Assistant, Department of Plant Pathology, The Pennsylvania State University, 28 pages, 6" x 9".

This manual is a practical identification guide for the on-site turf manager. It deals chiefly with microscopic features of the fungi which cause turfgrass disease and how to recognize them. The manual includes complete directions for sample preparation and microscope use. Photo-micrographs are included of the fungi which cause the following diseases of turfgrass: leaf spot/melting-out, fading-out, Fusarium blight, Fusarium snow mold, anthracnose, brown patch, dollarspot, Pythium blight, red thread, and Typhula snow mold. Directions for nematode assay and photomicrographs of stylet nematodes are also included. A complete glossary of terms is provided, as well as information on approximate cost and kinds of microscopes which the on-site manager may find useful.

I would like to purchase \_\_\_\_\_ copy of the Guide. Price is \$5.00 for members of the Pennsylvania Turfgrass Council and \$10.00 for Non-members. Send order form to: Pennsylvania Turfgrass Council, 16 Tyson Building, University Park, Pa., 16802. Make check payable to: Pennsylvania Turfgrass Council.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
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Dear Ray:

I wanted to let you know that this may be a year of severe cutworm problems on golf greens.

**Black cutworms**, which are commonly found on many golf course greens, are now present in many cornfields in central and northern parts of the state. The adult moths will lay eggs for a second and third generation later on in the summer. Many of these eggs will probably be laid on golf courses rather than agricultural crops. Black cutworms feed in the bentgrass turf, but often the most serious damage is done by birds digging out the cutworms from the turf, leaving unsightly holes on the green surface.

Because of the large numbers of cutworms present in field crops in early June, I want to alert the Golf Course Superintendents of the potential for an usually high number of cutworms on golf courses the remainder of the summer.

Our suggestion for chemical control of cutworms on golf courses is to apply either Dursban or trichlorfon (prolox or Dylox) to the greens at the rate indicated on the label.

I enjoy your publication and keep up the good work.

Very truly yours,

Roscoe Randell, Extension Specialist in Entomology

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